

IMC NEWSLETTER



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'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the Lord. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, "Know the Lord," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the Lord.

'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'

Jeremiah 31:33—34

*Sharing Life
Sharing Faith*

From Amanda...

Dear friends,

the start of a new year is an ideal time to reflect on the past, take account of your Christian walk, and consider the direction God may want to lead you in the coming days. Can I encourage you to set aside some time to pause and evaluate your life; especially to consider where you are in your relationship with Jesus. Can I ask you to think about how you can draw closer to Him this coming year and let Him shape the months ahead? I offer you this poem, for reflection, that it may trigger some thoughts and help you on your way this January.

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*

A New Year's Plan

I tried to think of a clever new phrase—
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.

And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."

"Don't look back, caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."

"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing—your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."

So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything—all that I am.

Mary Fairchild

For those genuinely seeking a renewed relationship with Jesus, why not commit to coming to worship, consider joining a housegroup and choose to take part in the Bible Book Club. Another concrete way to take your discipleship more seriously at the start of this year is to sign up to the Alpha Course that will be taking place on Wednesday evenings from January 18th. The evening starts with a meal, followed by watching a video and then moves into small groups for discussions and questions. Alpha covers basic Christian biblical teaching and is an excellent opportunity to find out more about living the Christian life. You would all be so welcome

This New Year, determine to live your best life with Jesus!

*Christ's blessings,
Rev Amanda*



CHURCH NEWS

If you have anything you would like to include in the **Church News** please let Judy know by ringing her on **01752 894829**

News January/February 2022/23

There's a bit of catching up to do with the news this month so we'll start with new babies and pick up other news after that.

Many congratulations to Matt Maddaford and Michaela who are the proud parents of Woody - who made his appearance into the world much earlier than expected but is now doing well and growing apace. Helen is enjoying her Grandson and it's lovely they are close by. As ever, Matt and Michaela, we wish you lots of sleep and great joy as you watch all the growing up to come.



Congratulation to to Christine Hedge as she becomes a first time Grandma as Steve and Brittany became the proud parents of Ari Lennox Hampton Galloway. He was born in Switzerland on 16th January and from the photos he looks a very handsome baby. We hope you get to see him soon Chris. Love and congratulations to the proud parents too.

Back in December Joyce Pope, (Yvonne's Mum) celebrated her 100th birthday and was able to have a party with friends and family, (report with photo on page 7!) Joyce, we send you our warmest belated congratulations and very best wishes.



It's good to be able to report that David Ion has had surgery and is now out of pain and recuperating. We hope all continues to go well David and you are soon able to do all those things you have missed doing.

Margaret Blackhurst had a fall in January and was obviously very

shaken. We hope by now Margaret you are feeling better and getting over the shock. We send love and get well wishes.



Also on the 16th January Sara and Ken's younger son, Mike, married his lovely fiancée Erin. They had waited a long time for this special day due to the slowness of visa applications but the day was full of joy, family and love. Congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Bromage and we wish you well for the years to come.

Tim Grayling is now working in Ethiopia in his role of Civil Engineer and I gather it's a lovely place to be. It would be good to pray that the peace in the disputed region holds and Tim stays safe and well.

Prayers would be appreciated for Stewart Edward as he goes into hospital for surgery on February 16th. Hope all goes ahead and goes smoothly Stewart.

Our young people continue to do well and this month we send many congratulations to Heather Lawrie on the completion of her MSC in Criminology .Whilst applying for a full time permanent post Heather is working at Palladium Building Supplies here in Ivybridge. Many congratulations Heather and we wish you every success in your applications. Meanwhile her sister Hazel is in her final year studying Psychology at Plymouth University which hopefully means more celebrations soon.





FEBRUARY 2023

Services



IVYBRIDGE

Feb 5	10:30	Revd Amanda Roper Communion
Feb 12	10:30	Gillian Higgins
	6:00	Revd Amanda Roper Be Filled
Feb 19	10:30	Revd Amanda Roper All age service
	6:00	Gill Cowsill
Feb 26	10:30	Revd Amanda Roper

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Feb 5	11:00	Revd David Youngs Communion
Feb 12	11:00	Mike Cade
Feb 19	11:00	Gillian Mills
Feb 26	11:00	No Service
	3:00	Revd Amanda Roper "Café church"

Joyce Pope's 100th birthday

On 22nd December Joyce celebrated her special birthday. She enjoyed a party in the church hall joined by her family and special friends.

She received a very special card from the King and Queen Consort, which she was thrilled with.

Very many thanks to all who joined her for her special day and for all the wonderful cards and presents, thank you so much.

Also thank you for the amazing help in serving and clearing away afterwards.

It certainly was a day to remember.

Yvonne and David



Be Filled

An evening to be refreshed
by the Holy Spirit



2nd Sunday each month

6:00pm

Ivybridge Methodist Church

family WORSHIP SUNDAY



3rd Sunday each
month

@

10:30am



Tea and Toast served from 10am

TAIZE SERVICE

There will be an ecumenical Taize service at 4 p.m. on Sunday 12th February in St John's church. All are warmly welcomed.

Church workdays—second Saturday in the month

We meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12 midday approximately, so feel free to come for whatever time you can spare. There is always a break for coffee, cake and fellowship half-way through the morning.

For more information, contact Joy Phillips



CHEWSDAYS at IMC

Lunches are back to normal, at 12:30 on Tuesdays.

We are short-staffed, though, and need a volunteer to cook once a month. Volunteers to serve will also be gratefully accepted!

If you can help in either way, please contact Mercy.

TUESDAY LUNCH AT IVYBRIDGE

METHODIST CHURCH CAFÉ





A new Alpha Course is starting !

Curious about Jesus?

- Whether you know Jesus and want to know more or be refreshed or reacquainted
- Or just curious to know more about Jesus. This is the course to attend.

Come to The Alpha Course at Ivybridge Methodist Church in Fore Street in Ivybridge.

Starting on Wednesday January 18th 2023 until Wednesday March 23rd 2023 each week.

Contact- Rev. Amanda Roper Email - mandaroper@btinternet.com or 01752 651910

The action plan

- 18.30 Arrive at the church
- 18.45. Enjoy a 2 course meal
- 19.30. Watch a video
- 20.00. Break into small groups to discuss the video over tea/ coffee and mints
- 20.45. Come back together to wrap up the session
- 21.00. The end

No payment required . Any donations towards the costs would be welcome

Mens Breakfast



Saturday 11th February

2023 8.30am

Full English
for
£4.00

Harry is speaking
please give your name to
Tony if you are attending

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Every year, Churches Together in Ivybridge celebrate the World Day Of Prayer with an evening service. This year IMC are hosting the service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday 3rd March..

It's a lovely service that highlights the church world-wide. It gives us a chance to become more aware of the needs and blessings of our sisters and brothers throughout the world. It would be lovely if you would join us!





Wise and Wonderful.....

**....is a fellowship group, open to all.
We meet from 2.30 to about 4,
on alternate Fridays in term time,
in the hall and café of the Methodist Church.**

Winter Programme

- Feb 3rd "Eagle Island" a short film about Mull
Ice creams will be served in the interval.
- Feb 17th Dr Marian Griffiths speaks about emotional logic and
how it can help well-being.
- Mar 10th Crafts and activities with Easter in mind.
- Mar 24th A celebration for Easter with IMC Minister
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